



# Rape and Sexual Assault in Massachusetts, 2001-2002

## Services Provided by Rape Crisis Programs

Sexual assault is a serious social and public health problem in Massachusetts. Between July 1, 2001 and June 30, 2002, 1,879 unduplicated incidents of sexual assault were reported to Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH)-funded Rape Crisis Centers (RCCs) and Llamanos, the statewide Spanish language hotline. Of these, 1229 were reported by survivors themselves and an additional 650 were reported by family members, friends and professionals. In Massachusetts an estimated 23% of women and 6% of men experience sexual assault in their lifetime.<sup>1</sup>

To respond to the needs of survivors of sexual violence, three types of services are provided through the MDPH Sexual Assault Prevention and Survivor Services (SAPSS) program: 24-hour hotlines, education and outreach, and counseling and client advocacy. To carry out these activities, MDPH contracts with 18 locally-based RCCs across Massachusetts (some with multiple sites), Llamanos, and Jane Doe Inc., the state sexual assault advocacy coalition. The information below summarizes services delivered over a one-year time period, July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2002.

### 24-Hour Hotline Services

Hotline services are provided by each local rape crisis center (RCC) as well as Llamanos. Callers to the hotlines include sexual assault survivors, their significant others (such as friends, family members and partners), and professionals (such as physicians, teachers, or therapists). Hotline services are provided on an as-needed basis to these individuals for support and resource referrals. Because callers may use the hotlines repeatedly and anonymously, the number of calls to the hotlines is a measure of service use, not sexual assault incidents reported to DPH-funded RCCs or the number of individuals using the hotlines.

24-hour Hotline Services	Survivor calls	Significant Other calls	Professional calls	Total calls
RCCs	9,982	1,371	2,044	13,397
Llamanos	144	14	19	177
<b>Total Calls</b>	<b>10,126</b>	<b>1,385</b>	<b>2,063</b>	<b>13,574</b>

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## Educational Activities

Educational activities are offered through each local RCC, Llamanos, and Jane Doe Inc. Educational sessions are provided for two main audiences: (1) non-professional populations such as students, civic organizations, or faith-based groups; and (2) professional audiences such as health care providers, police, or teachers. As a statewide coalition, Jane Doe Inc. provides many types of educational services; the Jane Doe Inc. numbers presented below reflect only Jane Doe Inc.'s major conferences and statewide train-the-trainer sessions funded by MDPH.

Education Activities	Community Education		Professional Training		Total	
	Sessions	Persons	Sessions	Persons	Sessions	Persons
<b>RCCs</b>	2,303	97,076	241	3,882	<b>2,544</b>	<b>100,958</b>
<b>Llamanos</b>	7	105	2	18	<b>9</b>	<b>123</b>
<b>Jane Doe Inc.</b>	-	-	5	569	<b>5</b>	<b>569</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,310</b>	<b>97,181</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>4,469</b>	<b>2,558</b>	<b>101,650</b>

## Counseling and Client Advocacy Services

Individual counseling and client advocacy services are provided by local RCCs. Services include short-term individual counseling, medical client advocacy (including support during forensic evidence collection exams), legal client advocacy, police client advocacy, assistance accessing social services, and advocating on a client's behalf when the client is not actually present. Group counseling sessions are also provided by the RCCs and provide opportunities for individuals to support one another through the healing process.

<b>Counseling and Client Advocacy Unduplicated Clients Served by RCCs</b>	<b>2,726</b>
<b>Total Individual Counseling and Client Advocacy Sessions</b>	<b>12,402</b>
Counseling Sessions	8,330
Medical Client Advocacy Sessions	549
Legal Client Advocacy Sessions	627
Police Client Advocacy Sessions	47
Other Client Advocacy Sessions	139
Collateral Sessions (advocating on client's behalf when client not present)	2,710
<b>Group Counseling Sessions Conducted</b>	<b>1,349</b>

For more information about sexual assault-related data, please see the Sexual Assault Prevention and Survivor Services website at: <http://www.mass.gov/dph/fch/sapss/>. If you need help, please contact your local rape crisis center. See attached list for details.

<sup>i</sup> Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A Profile of Health Among Massachusetts Adults, 2000. Boston, Massachusetts: Health Survey Program, Division of Research and Epidemiology, Bureau of Health Statistics, Research and Evaluation, Department of Public Health.

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## List of MA Comprehensive Rape Crisis Centers 6/2003

<b>Elizabeth Freeman Center</b> Sexual Assault Program/Elizabeth Freeman 146 First Street Pittsfield MA 01201	(h) (413) 443-0089 (t) (413) 499-2425 (o) (413) 499-2425 (f) (413) 443-3016	<b>YWCA of Greater Lawrence</b> YWCA Sexual Assault Program 38 Lawrence Street Lawrence MA 01840	(h) (877) 509-9922 (t) (978) 686-8840 (o) (978) 687-0331 (f) (978) 691-5286
<b>New England Learning Center for Women in Transition</b> Sexual Assault Program/NELCWIT 10 Park Street Greenfield MA 01301	(h) (413) 772-0806 (t) (413) 772-0806 (o) (413) 772-0871 (f) (413) 772-2743	<b>A Safe Place</b> A Safe Place/Sexual Assault Program 24 Amelia Drive Nantucket MA 02554	(h) (508) 228-2111 (t) (508) 228-7095 (o) (508) 228-0561 (f) (508) 228-8825
<b>University of Massachusetts - Amherst</b> Everywoman's Center, Wilder Hall 221 Stockbridge Road UMass Amherst MA 01003	(h) (413) 545-0800 (t) (413) 545-0800 (o) (413) 545-0883 (f) (413) 577-0163	<b>Greater New Bedford Women's Center</b> GNBWC Rape Crisis Program 252 County Street New Bedford MA 02740	(h) (508) 999-6636 (t) (508) 996-1177 (o) (508) 996-3343 (f) (508) 999-7139
<b>YWCA of Western MA</b> YWCA Rape Crisis/Springfield 120 Maple Street Springfield MA 01103	(h) (800) 796-8711 (t) (413) 733-7100 (o) (413) 732-3121 (f) (413) 747-0542	<b>Health Care of Southeastern MA</b> Womansplace/HCSEMA P.O. Box 4206 Brockton MA 02303	(h) (508) 588-8255 (t) (508) 894-2869 (o) (508) 580-3964 (f) (508) 588-0034
<b>YWCA of Western MA</b> YWCA Rape Crisis/Westfield P.O. Box 1835 Westfield MA 01086	(h) (800) 479-6245 (t) (800) 479-6245 (o) (413) 562-5739 (f) (413) 572-0386	<b>Independence House</b> Cape Cod RCC/Ind. House 160 Basset Lane Hyannis MA 02601	(h) (800) 439-6507 (t) (508) 771-6782 (o) (508) 771-6507 (f) (508) 778-0143
<b>Rape Crisis Center of Central MA</b> RCCCM/Worcester 799 West Boylston St. Worcester MA 01606	(h) (800) 870-5905 (t) (508) 852-7600 (o) (508) 852-7600 (f) (508) 852-7870	<b>Martha's Vineyard Community Services</b> Women's Support Services of MVCS Box 369 Vineyard Haven MA 02568	(h) (508) 696-7233 (t) (508) 693-3843 (o) (508) 693-7900 (f) (508) 693-7192
<b>Rape Crisis Center of Central MA</b> RCCCM/Fitchburg 275 Nichols Road Fitchburg MA 01420	(h) (800) 870-5905 (t) (508) 852-7600 (o) (978) 343-5683 (f) (508) 852-7870	<b>New Hope</b> Sexual Assault Program/New Hope 21 Park Street Suite 201 Attleboro MA 02703	(h) (800) 323-4673 (t) (800) 323-4673 (o) (508) 226-4588 (f) (508) 226-8114
<b>Wayside Trauma Intervention Services</b> Valley Rape Crisis Program/Milford 10 Asylum Street Milford MA 01757	(h) (800) 511-5070 (t) (508) 478-4205 (o) (508) 478-6888 (f) (508) 478-9042	<b>Stanley St. Treatment &amp; Resources</b> SSTAR/Women's Center 386 Stanley Street Fall River MA 02720	(h) (877) 301-4357 (t) (508) 673-3328 (o) (508) 679-5222 (f) (508) 673-3182
<b>SMOC</b> Voices Against Violence/SMOC 300 Howard Street Framingham MA 01702	(h) (800) 593-1125 (t) (508) 626-8686 (o) (508) 820-0834 (f) (508) 872-4264	<b>Boston Area Rape Crisis Center</b> BARCC/Boston 321 Columbus Avenue Boston MA 02116	(h) (800) 841-8371 (t) (617) 492-6434 (o) (617) 399-4821 (f)
<b>Wayside Trauma Intervention Services</b> Valley Rape Crisis Program/Marlboro 31 Main Street Marlboro MA 01752	(h) (800) 511-5070 (t) (508) 478-4205 (o) (508) 478-6888 (f) (508) 460-6993	<b>Boston Area Rape Crisis Center</b> BARCC/Cambridge 99 Bishop Allen Drive Cambridge MA 02139	(h) (800) 841-8371 (t) (617) 492-6434 (o) (617) 492-8306 (f) (617) 492-3291
<b>Health and Education Services</b> North Shore RCC/HES 156 Cabot Street Beverly MA 01915	(h) (800) 922-8772 (t) (978) 921-8729 (o) (978) 927-4506 (f) (978) 927-4507	<b>Jane Doe: MA Coalition Against Sexual Assault</b> Jane Doe, Inc. 14 Beacon St., Suite 507 Boston MA 02108	(h) no hotline (t) (617) 263-2200 (o) (617) 248-0922 (f) (617) 248-0902
<b>Rape Crisis Services of Greater Lowell</b> RCSGL 144 Merrimack Street Suite 304 Lowell MA 01852	(h) (800) 542-5212 (t) (978) 452-8723 (o) (978) 452-7721 (f) (978) 458-2822	<b>Rape Crisis Center of Central MA</b> Llamanos Statewide Spanish Hotline 799 West Boylston St. Worcester MA 01606	(h) (800) 223-5001 (t) (508) 852-7600 (o) (508) 852-7600 (f) (508) 852-7870

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